

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 592

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Reggie L. Honey of Carthage.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of former Carthage mayor and retired local radio station owner, Mr. Reggie L. Honey; and

WHEREAS, born the son of the late John Franklin and Bessie Harrison Cabe Honey, Reggie L. Honey was a native of Greenback in Loudon County, having attended Greenback High School and broadcast engineering schools in Michigan and Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, a veteran and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr. Honey proudly served his country in World War II as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Reggie Honey moved his family to Carthage in 1959 when he established WRKM, which he owned and operated until his retirement in 1989. He was a stalwart professional broadcast engineer and served as an engineer for six radio stations in Middle and East Tennessee and one in Kentucky, in addition to WRKM, including Celina, Livingston, Oneida, Thompkinsville, Kentucky, Sweetwater, and Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, part of Mr. Honey's professional career included serving on the Executive Board of the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters, where he served with probity as Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Smith County, Reggie was a highly respected member of the Carthage community. As mayor of Carthage from 1964-66, Mayor Honey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, during Mayor Honey's administration, water and sewer lines were extended along Carthage's Industrial Drive, where companies such as Douglas Aircraft, Texas Boot and Lux are currently located, and Dixon Springs witnessed the establishment of the Country Club, among many other improvements to the community; and

WHEREAS, a tribute to his foresight and many contributions to the city of Carthage and the surrounding communities, Mayor Honey was recognized in 1996 by the Carthage City Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Honey was also active in many community and civic activities as a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Carthage Lions Club, and as a charter member of the Smith County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Honey was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Honey enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife of 49 years, Pansy (Pat) Baskette Honey, and was the proud parent of two daughters: Jennifer Honey of Carthage and Jeannie Proctor and husband, Lee of Burlington, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Reggie Honey was the doting grandfather of three grandchildren: Ann Highers of Carthage and Daniel and Drew Proctor of Burlington, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his sister, Iva Brookshire of Maryville, his brother, Jack Honey of Bellevue, Michigan, and a host of friends, neighbors, and relatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Honey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of former Carthage mayor and retired WRKM radio station owner, Mr. Reggie L. Honey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Reggie L. Honey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.